

Appl. No. 10/717,582
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REMARKS

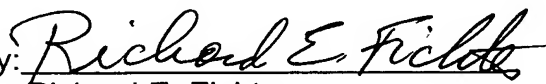
The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention which includes claims 1-5 and 9, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention at a later time.

Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the invention taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action. Claim 1 has been amended, new claims 10-12 have been added and claims 6-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to the non-elected invention. Applicants retain the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter at a later time during the pendency of this application.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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